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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re the Application of:

KATAOKA et al.

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For: "APPARATUS FOR LIGHTING  
FLUORESCENT LAMP"

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Applicants, through their attorneys, respectfully petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) of two (2) months to respond to the Office Action mailed on October 25, 2000, with respect to the above-identified application, thereby extending the period for response from January 25, 2001, to March 26, 2001.

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